## REMARKS

Claims 1 - 34 are pending in the present application. Applicant amends the specification, cancels claims 14 - 34 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amends claims 1 - 13. No new matter is introduced.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that amended claims 1-13, which include independent claims 1, 5 and 9-13, and the claims that depend therefrom, stand in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

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